



NEW HOPE CANOE CLUB MINISTRY

Aloha friends and supporters,

The New Hope Canoe Club Ministry (NHCCM) has been very blessed by not only enjoying the sport of outrigger canoe paddling, but also reaching out to support the community. NHCC, in partnership with the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA), is sponsoring a Fundraiser Long Distance Race to benefit the tiny 10-acre Mokauea Island in Keehi Lagoon. This is our third annual fundraiser race and it is called, "MALAMA MOKAUEA".

Mokauea Island lies only a quarter mile offshore from our canoe site on Sand Island. It is the last fishing village of its kind on Oahu. It has a rich history. Important educational and cultural programs on Mokauea Island are still ongoing that serve our schools and community. This fragile marine environment teaches us how we all connected to the land and the sea.

This fundraiser race is intended to benefit the efforts to save Mokauea Island. Proceeds from the race will be used to continue the educational programs for the community, rejuvenate the fishpond, remove invasive seaweed and kiawe, and "malama" this precious island jewel.

Our race is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015. It will be approximately 10 miles long. The race course will be from our site at Sand Island, around Mokauea Island, to Honolulu Harbor, and back. There will be many divisions so all can race. Food, entertainment, awards, and door prizes will be provided. It will be a great day of fun!

Before the race, there will be a short educational/informational presentation by some of the Mokauea Island residents highlighting the history of the Island and what is current. All are welcome attend this presentation. Our race theme this year is called, "Cherish the Aina".

NHCCM is asking for your kokua with donations to benefit Mokauea. This may include door prizes, gift cards, services, awards, monetary and food donations etc. No amount is too small. Could you kokua?

If you have something to donate or have any questions, please contact Lois Sismar at (808) 386-7911 or email: brutushkc@msn.com. Mahalo nui.

Sincerely,

Cy Kalama
Ministry Leader and Head Coach
New Hope Canoe Club Ministry